

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, line 9 with the following paragraph:

For example, there are many patent applications on many parameters specifying various properties of these water-absorbing resins or water absorbing agents with a water-absorbing resin as a main component, or on measurement methods thereof (US Reissued 32649, UK2267094B, US5061259, US 5419956, US6087002, EP0629411, EP0707603, EP0712659, EP1029886, US5462972, US5453323, US5797893, US6127454, US6184433, US6297335, US Reissued 37021, US5140076, US6414214B1, US5994440, US6444744, US6194531, EP0940148, EP1153656, EP0605215, US5147343, US5149335, EP0532002, US5601542, US5562646, US5669894, US6150582, WO02/053198, EP0937739).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 21 with the following paragraph:

Water-absorbing resins superior in gel strength, soluble content and absorption capacity are proposed in US Reissued 32649. A water-absorbing resin superior in liquid permeability under no pressure, absorption speed and absorption capacity is proposed in UK2267094B. Technology specifying specific particle size distribution is also proposed in US5061259, US 5419956, US6087002 and EP0629411. Further, a water-absorbing resin superior in absorbency against pressure under various loads or many measurement methods therefore are also proposed and water-absorbing resins with superior absorbency against pressure alone or in combination with other property are proposed in EP0707603, EP0712659, EP1029886, US5462972, US5453323, US5797893, US6127454, US6184433, US6297335 and US Reissued 37021.

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, line 14 with the following paragraph:

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Further, in US5147343, US5149335, EP0532002, US5601542, US5562646, US5669894, water-absorbing resins with specific property are proposed as suitable to water absorbing articles such as a diaper having specific property, specific composition or specific polymer concentration.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 46, line 30 with the following paragraph:

Many reports have been submitted on challenges to improve such liquid permeability including, for example, “saline flow conductivity” described in WO95/22356; “Liquid permeation time of a physiological saline solution” described in JP-A-6-57010; and further WO96/17884.